



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor
John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
FLOOD EMERGENCY FOR NORTH DAKOTA
March 29, 2004

WHEREAS, on the basis of flood and precipitation forecasts issued by the National Weather Service, flooding in the Devils Lake and Red River Basins, preliminary damage assessments and emergency declarations, as well as actions taken by local, state and federal organizations, I find that a flood emergency exists within the State of North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, excessive precipitation on lands still covered by ice and snow pack, ice-blocked culverts and significant ice in streams and rivers have caused serious damage to transportation infrastructure and public utility systems; have severely impacted agricultural interests; and have damaged private property, businesses, and homes. Additional precipitation promises to further aggravate problems; and

WHEREAS, communities located in northeastern North Dakota are currently involved in flood protection measures specific to the current conditions. Forecasts also call for moderate to major spring flooding to occur in the Red River Basin and throughout the Devils Lake Basin; and

WHEREAS, potential agricultural and recreation industry losses, expenditures for damage repair, as well as private and other business losses, will constitute a serious economic hardship throughout the entire state. Actions are necessary to reduce the hardships, to address threats to public health and safety, and to initiate recovery and mitigation efforts; and

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim a flood emergency for the state of North Dakota. Pursuant to the provisions of the North Dakota Disaster Act of 1985, as amended (Chapter 37.17.1, North Dakota Century Code), this proclamation, and the executive orders or regulations that may be issued to implement this proclamation to mitigate those losses resulting from the continuation of this flood disaster, shall have the force and effect of law.

/s/
John Hoeven
Governor

Attest:

/s/
Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State